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Mr. Brian Amme,

- 1 I have reviewed the BLM proposal for pesticide applications to public lands in 17 western states with horror and anxiety. I am imploring BLM to choose Option 3C in its proposal using natural alternative control methods for vegetation and pest management.
- 2 As an elder who has a lifetime involvement with environmental issues, a teacher and a home-care provider, I know many people who have been crippled or who have died from the misuse of toxic aerial spraying. Aerial spraying of such known poisons affects far more than the targeted areas due to uncontrollable drift and wind currents. Human, plant, animal and soil life will be put at unnecessary risk with the proposed plan.
- 3 It is as if the designers of this plan have no sense of history and have never read Rachel Carson's Silent Spring and are not aware of the positive effects that have occurred since we banned the massive spraying of DDT 50 or 60 years ago. Do we need to repeat such a dreadful chapter of environmental history?
- 4 The public comment period was so short and poorly advertised that none of my 25 devoted environmentally aware friends had heard anything about this proposal. This lack of communication is unacceptable in our Democracy. The public comment period must be extended and well advertised.

Please respond to my concerns and to this letter.

Sincerely,



Anna Bryson,